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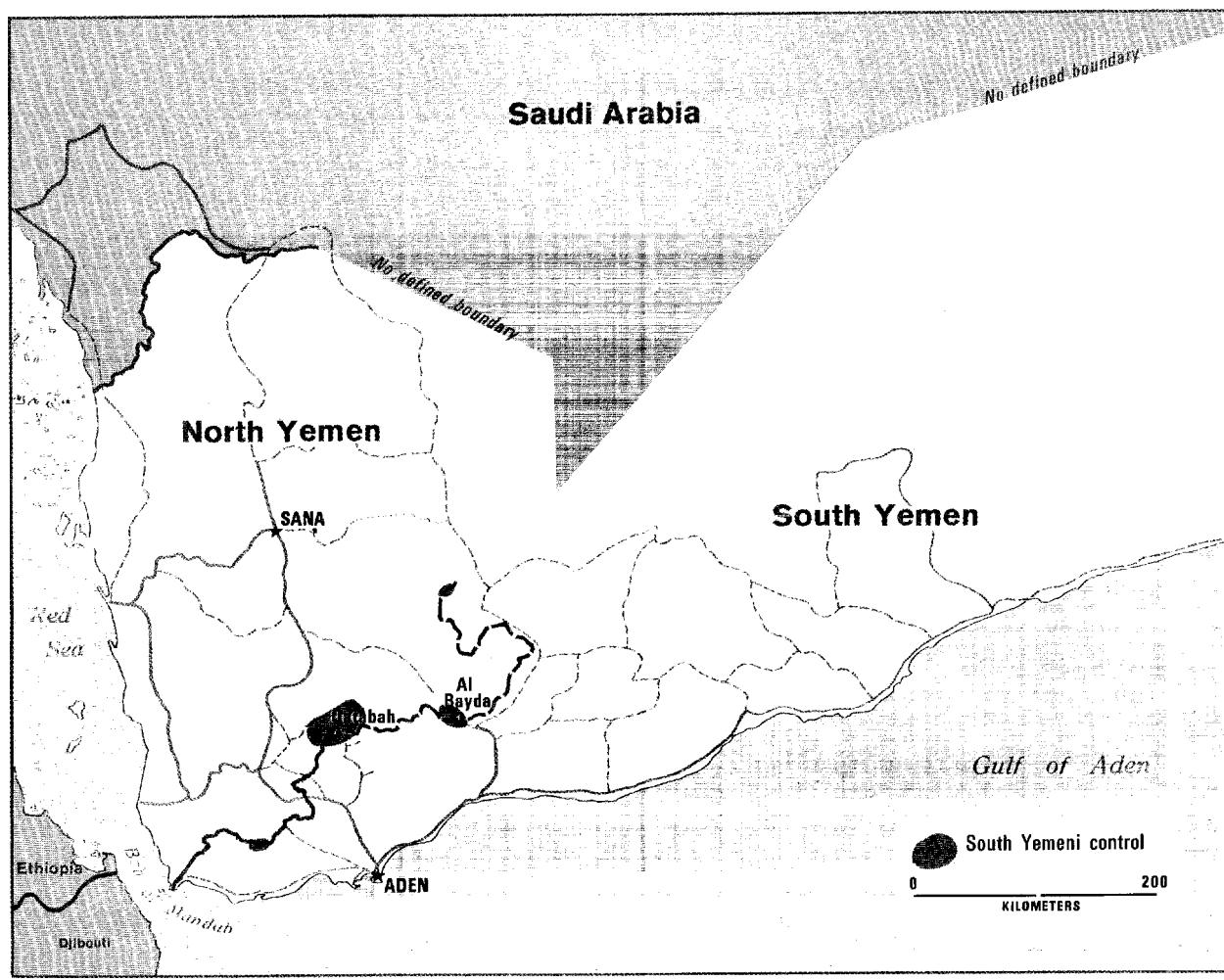
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NORTH YEMEN - SOUTH YEMEN

*The situation in North Yemen remains largely unchanged from yesterday, although fighting apparently continued along three of the four South Yemeni lines of attack. North Yemen's President Salih reportedly called for a regional summit.*

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The North Yemeni counterattack earlier this week at Qatabah apparently was turned back by South Yemeni tanks, but it is unclear whether either side has since taken any new initiatives. According to the US Embassy in Sana, the two sides exchanged artillery fire in the Al Bayda and Waziyah areas yesterday. No ground appears to have changed hands over the last two days. According to Aden radio, fighting also was continuing between the National Democratic Front and the North Yemenis in an area some 50 kilometers northeast of Sana.

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President Salih has called for a summit conference among neighboring states to discuss regional problems, according to a Kuwaiti press report. In what may have been an attempt to undercut radical Arab criticism of his relationship with the US, Salih also is quoted as saying that he refuses to become a "tool" of the US or the USSR, although he values the friendship of both countries.

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#### OVERNIGHT REPORTS

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#### Italy

An Italian radiobroadcast reports that Communist Party leader Berlinguer, in a meeting with Italian Prime Minister - designate Andreotti yesterday, made clear the conditions for eventual Communist support for a new government: the inclusion of independents from the left; the agreement of all majority parties in Parliament on the choice of ministers and on the government's program; and the end of the Christian Democrats' exclusion of Communist participation in the government and local councils.

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COMMENT: The Communist statement represents a hardening of the party's position. The conditions are so demanding as to make them virtually unacceptable to the Christian Democrats, and they make dissolution of parliament and a call for an early election almost certain.



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